

TOPIC Military Information from Jueterbog and Werder-Markendorf

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1. On 15 February 1952, 9 x 37-mm AA guns and 3 range finders with a base of about 120 cm were seen at Damm airfield, Jueterbog (N 52/E 69), on the road to Bochow. Three of these guns were used for aiming practice on trucks which were driving back and forth at a distance of about 1,200 meters. Crews of the other six guns practiced firing at jet-propelled aircraft which continuously took off from Jueterbog-Altes Lager airfield. About 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets received infantry training or practiced firing with machine guns at the close-combat course on the Jueterbog-Rohrbeck highway. [redacted] troops practicing with eight 82-mm mortars on either side of the road from Jueterbog to Bochow. About 150 soldiers were engaged in attacking with infantry weapons on the same terrain. Vehicles [redacted] were seen at Damm airfield. (1) 25X1

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2. On 15 February, the camp on the Werder-Markendorf troop training grounds, east of Jueterbog, was still unoccupied and guarded by only a detail of about 100 soldiers. (2)

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3. Light bridge building material was noticed near the bridge over a stream on the road from Werder to Jueterbog, about 1 km west of Werder. The material consisted of two steel tubes and double T-beams. The steel tubes had a diameter of 12 to 14 cm, were 2 meters long and welded to a plate of 0.7 square-meter, 4 cm thick, which had two side-braces. The height of the steel tubes could be varied by about 1 meter. The double T-beams were 4.5 meters long. (3)

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4. Less training activity than during preceding days was observed at Damm airfield, south of Jueterbog, between 16 and 21 February. Small groups of trucks carrying soldiers and driving to Camp Werder-Markendorf were frequently seen during the same period. Training observed at Damm airfield was performed by about five platoons of troops and included close order drill, firing, close-combat training and extended order drill at squad and platoon level. About 15 soldiers were engaged in drill with two 76.2-mm AT guns on 20 February. Vehicles observed at Damm airfield [redacted]

5. On 19 February, 10 canvas-covered rocket launchers were observed at the loading ramp 1 km northwest of Jueterbog-Altes Lager, where they had been unloaded. Twelve 120-mm heavy mortars with wire spoke wheels and barrels about 150 mm long and 10 to 12 infantry guns of about 50-mm with barrels about 150 mm long without muzzle brake were seen on the road nearby. (2)

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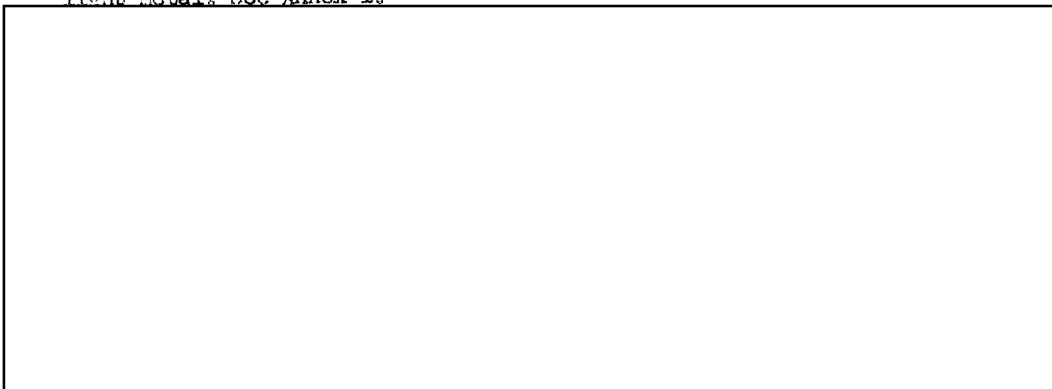
Comments.

- (1) The observations at Jueterbog-Damm indicate that a mechanized regiment of the 11th Gds Mecz Div is still stationed at Damm airfield. Contrary to previous reports, the 2497th AAA Regt of the 11th Gds Mecz Div was also observed there. As in other military posts, most of the training at Jueterbog-Damm has shifted from the barracks to the open terrain since mid-February.
- (2) The observations made [redacted] in paragraphs 2 and 7 are credible, but are valid only for Camp Worder-Markendorf and only until the reported date. [redacted] on numerous troop shipments to Jueterbog indicate that units from company up to and including, battalion strength which belong to the three divisions and the AT artillery brigade of the Second Gds Mecz Army conducted firing practices at the Jueterbog troop training grounds since mid-February. The heavy weapons observed by source in paragraph 5 on the unloading ramp northwest of Jueterbog-Altes Lager probably belong to the above units.
- (3) The bridge-building material is believed to be a footbridge for infantry. It seems too heavy for its purpose unless most of it were made from light metal. See Annex 1.

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According to the vehicle [redacted] described in paragraph 9d, Lieutenant Dubinin (fnu), who has not been known to date, belongs to the 5th Hv Tank SP Regt of the 14th Gds Mech Div.

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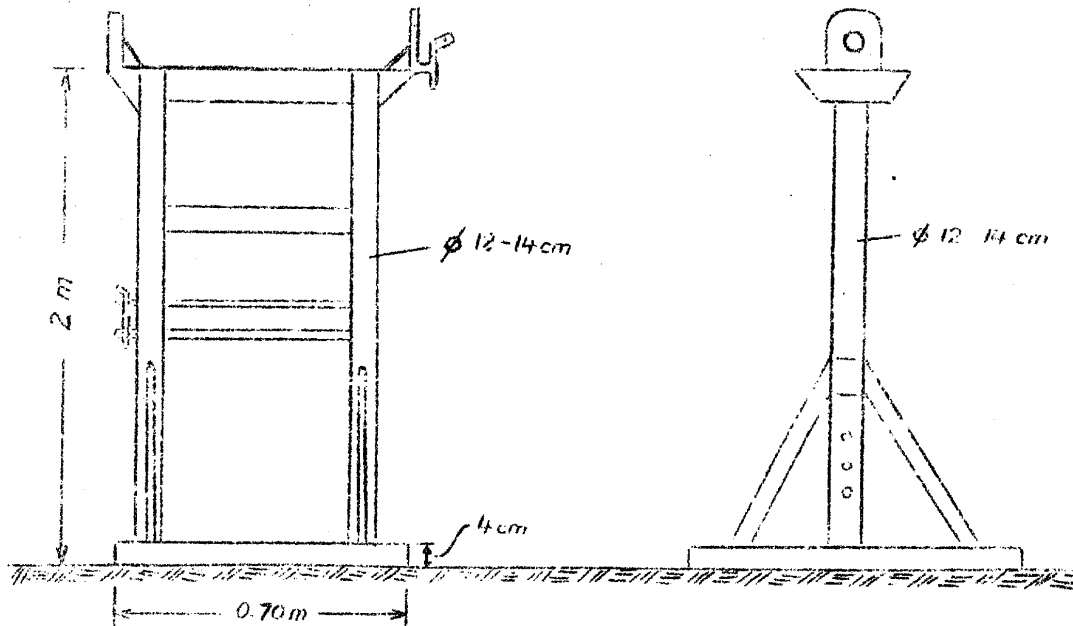
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Bridge Building Material Observed Between

Werder and Justerbog



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